An Address On Memorial Day, May 30th.

(Note: The Editor has been requested to publish in these columns the manuscript of his remarks in Lynchburg, at the annual Memorial Day Exercises, May 30. The occasion was under the sponsorship of Old Dominion Chapter, and Kirkwood-Otey Chapter, U. D. C., and The Ladies Memorial Association. Mrs. John H. Davis, Old Dominion Chapter President, presided, and the National Guard was present for the Military Salute and Taps. The S. C. V. and other groups were also present. The Editor is indebted to Congressman Watkins M. Abbitt for having had this manuscript inserted as an Extension of his Remarks in The Congressional Record of June 1.)

By Calvin Robinson

Madam Chairman, and gentle friends. It is indeed a precious privilege to come here from my "Country Editor's" desk at Old Appomattox to meet with you and witness these impressive ceremonies.

There are times when some of us become a bit discouraged about the world in which we toil, and I share the sentiment of those who are puzzled, perplexed, and oftimes bewildered by the pressure, the tension, and the rapid flow of events.

But, we are sustained, and we take new heart with each sunrise, because we have so many companions with us along the way, who dip the cup of memory into the fountain spring of our sacred heritage.

May I offer the comment that our patriotic organizations are so very important? From time to time, an invited to make some remarks at meetings at chapters of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, the Daughters of the American Revolution, etc., and I salute all such chapters, their leaders and membership, as well as the C. of C., SCV, SAR, American Legion, VFW, and all their auxiliaries and like patriotic groups.

These groups are motivated not only by maintaining friendships and ideals, but also in aiding us one and all in living today and facing tomorrow better prepared because we know and treasure what went on yesterday.

To me, as we face a new decade in 1960, which may become known as anything from the Sentimental Sixties to the Sizzling Sixties, I love to recall a decade 100 years ago, which I look upon as The Sacred Sixties.

The mountaintop scaled by gallant and heroic men and women such as we honor here today is of such majesty and grandeur. I am prone to pass by and forget the petty greed of small souls, the lust for power, of those who pillaged the recesses of the valleys below.

So long as we have such groups as are represented here today, we are on solid ground. This story will illustrate:

During recent weeks, certain Members of the U. S. Senate felt it necesary to discuss at some length a matter of pending legislation. It was about 3 o'clock one morning, when the beloved Senator Ervin, from North Carolina, was making a masterful address. But he noted that he was almost alone, as weary fellow Senators were at rest. He said he was reminded of "Pete," a Confederate veteran who lived in Chatham County, N. C.

Pete was one of those veterans so fortunate as to survive the war, and the longer he lived the more he loved to talk about the war, and the more he talked about it, the more he glamorized it. One day one of his friends asked if he had ever known Gen. Robert E. Lee. Pete said, "Certainly I knew General Lee. As a matter of fact, he and I were not only comrades in the army, but personal friends, and I helped him plan many of his battles." Then Pete was asked when was the last time he ever saw General Lee. He said that it was about six months after Appomattox. He said he heard General Lee was teaching school up in Lexington, Va., and he went up there to see his old friend once again. He said they spent the afternoon talking about old days, and then General Lee turned to him and said, "Pete, were you at Appomattox?" Pete said, "Yes, General I was at Appomattox." And schooling to Pete, General Lee turned to him and said, "Pete, I am sorry to hear that. If I had only known you were there with me, I would never have surrendered!"

Now, that is a story, but I do say that our way of life will never be surrendered, but will be kept sacred—and I am led to say that my remarks on this occasion have that in mind. There are things we want to preserve. There are principles dear to us. There are memories we treasure, but beyond our remembering them, we want the world to remember, too.

And so, for a few moments, I ask your patience while I chat with you about three simple points.

First: The idea of Memorial Day is historic and good.

Second: It pays tribute to great and gallant heroes.

Third: It preserves sacred principles, for which sacrifices were made.

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Now, as to Memorial Day itself, I commend to you a splendid article by that eminent UDC historian, Ella F. Harlee, in which she details the story of Decoration Day, from its very informal beginning in Columbus, Miss., in 1862, while the war was still in its beginning. Formal Decoration Day was organized in Jackson, Miss., April 26, 1865. The story is so very interesting. News had arrived that Lee had surrendered at Appomattox, and that Joseph E. Johnson was surrounded in North Carolina. And then on April 25, 1865, couriers came into Jackson, Miss., with news that the Federals were coming in from Vicksburg and would arrive on the 26th, to demand the surrender of the city. Immediately, a stalwart southern girl, Sue Adams, later Mrs. Landon Vaughan, seized a pencil and sent out a message for all of the southern ladies to meet on the 26th at the cemetery with flowers to place on the graves. Ah, yes, and so it was, that April 26, 1865, the mothers and widows, and the children came to the cemetery. The children came with their aprons filled with cowslips, bluebells, white heliotrope and rosebuds. Leading the flower girls, Miss Sue noticed that some graves were not covered with flowers. "But, they are northern graves," the children said. She replied, "I will garland them with my pink roses. Their mothers and sisters sobbed for them, too." And there was born the spirit we cherish today, as a united nation. We honor all of our gallant dead.

May 30, 1868, is said to be the background for Memorial Day as we know it now, in most of the nation. The wife of a northern general decorated graves in Petersburg on that date.

So far as I know, at Appomattox, the first meeting to form a Ladies Memorial Association was held May 18, 1866.

North and South Carolina observe Confederate Memorial Day on May 10. In Louisiana, Kentucky, and Tennessee, Confederate Memorial Day comes on June 3, the birthday of Jefferson Davis. Florida, Georgia, Alabama and Mississippi still observe April 26.

Most other States observe May 30 as a National Memorial Day.

And, is it not true that in France, Luxemburg, Belgium, and distant corners of the world, there are cemetaries, many of them handsomely preserved by a grateful people, where lie the remains of those who were and are heroes of World Wars I and II. A friend of mine returned recently from Europe, and told me he was privileged to see the simple mound, one like all the rest, where is buried the incomparable George S. Patton, In fact, he brought me pictures he took. And on many a hill in Korea and many a sacred cemetery around the world they repose. And at Arlington today, they are placing flowers on the grave of The Unknown Soldier.

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And now, secondly, I wish to remark that Memorial Day pays tribute to great and gallant heroes.

It has been my privilege to make addresses on such great heroes as Jefferson Davis, Robert E. Lee and Thomas J. Jackson, and once I was asked to speak about the horses the Confederates rode. Also, I have been asked to speak about the saga of sheer glory — the matchless story of what the women did in wartime. In each case I have done what I could in my humble way to read and study and understand the life of some particular hero. And each time, it seems now, looking back, at that moment, I was ready to conclude: "This one was the greatest!"

It is now my pleasant privilege to say that perhaps most important of all is that Memorial Day presents us with an opportunity to remember the sacred principles involved. After all, why men fought and offered their lives, and lost their lives, counts in the history books and in the lessons to future generations.

Our South fought for a way of life. It was a precious way because it had been won by brave pioneers who came to these shores not running away from anything but moving toward a dream of a new world of freedom and opportunity. Of course, we believed in States rights and local self-government. Had we wanted federalization, nationalization, dictatorships, and such, there were plenty of them in the Old World. Virginia was the Ark of the Covenant of setting up the true American way of life—representative self - government, as conceived by that galaxy of scholars, orators, statesmen, and gentlemen who embellished our early days. To believe in a principle is the source of the valor which brings one to fight for it. And there would not so many have been "fumeralized" had there not been the strong arm to force us to nationalize, federalize, and socialize.

Indeed, beside the great bend in the Potomac, at blessed Mount Vernon, are the ashes of the one first in war, first in peace, and first in the hearts of his countrymen. And there Little Mountain raises its head above the plains of Albemarle, we remember the immortal Jefferson. We go to sacred shrines where Jackson rests, where Stuart sleeps, and we shed tears that they died so young. Today, all over Virginia and much of the nation, the graves are decorated with the flowers of spring. It is good that this is so. But it is not enough. It is not enough. We live in a tremendous age. To those to whom much has been given, much is expected. And there may not be much time. There was the sad story of an unfortunate fellow who was in "death row." All efforts for a reprieve had failed, and finally this poor fellow scribbled off a note to the Governor. He said: "Dear Governor: Does you know that they is fixin' to hang me on Thursday, and here 'tis Tuesday."

The streams of time down their channels flow, and we must take our stand. I put it to you that the principles for which Americans, of all sections, have fought and died are precious in our sight. God did not place just one star in the sky for us to admire and pass on. He did not place just one garden for all to see. He poured a myriad of how many roses we can is up to us. So grows They say that as a bent, so is the tree and us then, on this Me dedicate our own selves and protect, invigorate, and our way of life, as Davis said, unmeasurable storm" to future ages.

I have come here to Appomattox Court House to ize the patriotism of to serve this day as a memory to salute, to the heroism of our fore inspiration for today tomorrows, and to resolve not forget the principles they lived and died for structive. Let us be unto be tolerant, to be will be invincible.

For one, I will echo the spirit of Gen. Robert from his home in north left us these words:

"I have fought my because I believe they to wrest from the hands rights. But I never go ter or vindicative feeling have never seen the day not pray for them."

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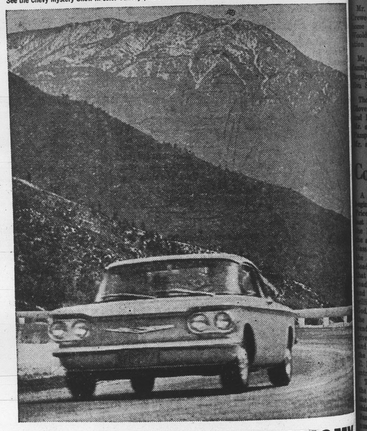

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...sen, June 7.- Rev. V. L. ...s attending the Pastor's ...ference at the University ...ond this week.

...Peggy Wooldridge, and ...a Evans are among the ...at Appomattox.

...C. Paulette is improving ...me, after an accident with ...

...ber from here attended ...laureate Services at Lib- ...ist Church Sunday eve-

...J. Paulette is spending ...a the home of Mr. and ...Moseley and family, of ...N.C. attending gradu- ...ercises of her granddaugh-

...d Mrs. Earl Clapp and ...Lynchburg visited Mrs. ...p Sunday.

...ara Garrett and Mrs. ...St. John visited Mrs. W. ...last Friday.

...d Mrs. Jerry Smith, of ...ent the week-end in the ...Mr. and Mrs. Freddie ...and attended the gradu- ...ercises.

...d Mrs. E. T. Bruce and ...us the week-end at Port ...ia with his mother, Mrs. ...den.

...who visited Mrs. G. W. ...er the week-end were Mr. ...J. A. Carter, of Cullen; ...rs. H. H. Dickerson, of ...Mrs. Mary Sullivan, and ...Mrs. Howard Glover.

Colored Dots

...A large crowd attended the ...services of the Carver- ...h School commencement ...day, June 5, at 4 P. M., as ...H. J. Hendricks delivered ...sermon to the graduating ...s. Hendricks spoke from ...t: Choosing the Right ...pointed out to the class ...ter to choose the right ...must continue their study ...ling to move by faith, be ...sacrifice, and believe in ...local school chorus, under ...on of Miss Jean Roarc, ...music. The invocation was ...the Rev. H. L. Wiggins, ...benediction was given by ...Q. Lawing. Principal R. ...gave announcements and ...the speaker.

...blic is invited to attend ...l Ladies Day program at ...ee Land Baptist Church ...y at 3 P. M. The Rev. ...nklin will deliver the an- ...ss and music will be ren- ...the Mount Airy Junior ...h literary program will be ...sponsored by members of the mis- ...sionary Circle.

A large crowd attended the regular preaching services at Gallee Baptist Church last Sunday morning. The pastor of the church delivered a soul-stirring sermon. The church choir rendered special music. The offering for the day was very good.

A special service will be held at the First Baptist Church this Sunday at 3 P. M. The Rev. J. P. Rose will be the guest speaker. The program is being sponsored by Mrs. Judy Coleman for the benefit of the church. The public is cordially invited to attend.

The annual Men's Progra m will be given at the Promise Land Baptist Church on the third Sunday evening in June at 7:30. The Rev. H. R. G. Venable and the Mount Zion Church and Choir will be the special guests.

The regular quarterly meeting of the Mount Shiloh Baptist Church will be held this Saturday evening at 2:30. All officers and members are asked to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Paige and his two sons, of Philadelphia spent the weekend here as the guests of dea- ...on and Mrs. Johnnie Paige.

George Stevens, of Baltimore, spent the week-end as the guest of his mother, Mrs. Lucy Stevens, and friends.

McKinley Tibbs, of Baltimore is spending the week here as the guest of his mother and daughter, Mrs. Lucy Tibbs and Miss Diana Tibbs, who is graduating from the Carver- Price High School.

Mrs. Annie Carroll, of New York City is attending the commence- ...ment exercises here. She is the guest of Mrs. Lucy Tibbs.

Intrepid Burglars

San Antonio, Tex.- Bobby Yow told police that among $150 worth of loot taken from his home by burglars, was his watch dog.

Car Stolen Twice

Pittsburgh, Pa.- Police located a car stolen from Edward McGee, of Pittsburgh, parked on a residential street. They notified McGee. Before he could reach the scene, however, the car was stolen again.

Major Cairo newspapers seized by Nasser.

KNOW THE WEATHER

By E. H. Sims

What is the technical name for storms in the sun's atmosphere? What is their effect on the earth's weather?

Storms in the sun's atmosphere are called sun spots. Many experts believe the sun's spots, or storms, come in cycles in the sun's atmosphere. The greater number of sun storms, they say, the hotter the weather on the earth.

Cycles in the sun's atmosphere seem to run in cycles anywhere from twenty to forty years. In the past forty years (some experts claim there is an eighty-year cycle, up forty and down forty) the United States has been in a hot weather cycle—many sun storms having been observed.

Those who follow the sun spot theory expect the nation's weather to be cooler in the next few decades.

CHILEAN RELIEF

Hundreds of thousands of Chileans are cold, sick, injured, and homeless.

It's a natural characteristic of Americans to want to help people in trouble, the world over. The Chilean disaster has proved no exception. Tons of food, medical supplies, tents and other aid have been airlifted to help the homeless and helpless.

The American Red Cross is taking a leading role in this disaster relief. The need is immediate and urgent.

For this emergency need, send or take in person a contribution to your local Red Cross Chapter, or leave at either of the local banks. And do it today!

About The Home

Something can be done about the summer heat other than moving to the mountains or the shore, outstanding decorators state.

It seems that color plays a large part in achieving a cool, summery effect. Greens, toned with yellow, and light pastels and white are good. On the darker side, wine is the first choice.

Vastness and absence of clutter are very important. Store all unnecessary bric-a-brac, rugs and the heavy drapes. Keep excess papers and magazines cleared away.

Use the sheerest possible cottons and linens for table decor. Starch these lightly so they will be smooth and cool living, giving an unwilted appearance. Use light-weight dishes and frost-finished glasses It is best not to overload the table. A single blossom in clear water will be more effective than a great mass of blooms.

Attractive summer doilies can be made easily from inexpensive remnants of plain cotton. Organdies and starched voile and sheer linen can also be fashioned into beautiful doilies, napkins and cloths. For porch or garden use, try checks, plains or large bold prints.

Give a cool personal appearance by choosing cool colored clothes and having an unhurried manner.

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